satellite TV channels often telecast news items that create law and order problem in the States;

(b) whether Government would set up a statutory body with representation from the respective State Governments to take action on such TV Channels; and

(c) the steps taken as of now to curb this trend of TV channels?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) No specific instance in this regard has come to the notice of the Government.

Programmes transmitted/retransmitted through the cable network are required to adhere to the Programme Code prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Rules framed thereunder. The Code, *inter alia*, prohibits telecast of any programme which is likely to encourage or incite violence or contains anything against maintenance of law and order or which promotes anti-national attitudes or contains anything affecting the integrity of the Nation.

Under Section 19 of the Act, the "Authorised Officers" *i.e.* the SDM, DM or Commissioner of Police within their respective jurisdiction have the powers to prohibit, by order, any transmission or retransmission of any programme or channel if it is not in conformity with the prescribed Programme Code or is likely to promote, on grounds of religion, race, language, caste or community or any other ground whatsoever, disharmony or feelings of enmity, hatred or ill-will between different religious, racial, linguistic or regional groups or castes or communities or which is likely to disturb the public tranquillity.

Implementation of CAS

1270. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had issued a Consultative note for meaningful examination of various issues involved in implementation of Conditional Access System (CAS), standard rates and conditions at which services are to be provided by the Cable operators to the consumers;

(b) if so, the main contents of the comments and inputs received from the stakeholders to formulate a more detailed consultation paper on this issue; and

(c) the time likely to be taken to finalise Government's policy with regard to implementation of CAS?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) No Sir. However, a 'Consultation Paper' has been issued by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) inviting comments/views from various stakeholders for a meaningful examination of the various issues involved in the implementation of Conditional Access System (CAS). No precise time-frame can be indicated at this juncture, since TRAI is seized of the issue.

Casual floor assistants

1271. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 412 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th February, 2001 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all casual floor assistants working in the Central Production Centre, New Delhi have not been regularized so far;

(b) if so, the number of appointments made on regular basis and those yet to be appointed during the last 40 months;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for regularization of the remaining casual floor assistants; and

(d) by when the above action would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Non of the casual Floor Assistants working at Central Production Centre, New Delhi has been regularized during the last 40 months. There are 12 eligible casual Floor Assistants at CPC awaiting regularization.

(c) and (d) The casual Floor Assistants are regularized against the available regular vacancies only. At present, no regular vacancy is available and as such no time frame can be prescribed for regularization.